

Biological Arms Control Institute, and from 2009 to 2014 he was a member of the Senior Steering Group for NATO's Special Operations Headquarters. He wrote extensively on the political and military implications of new technology.

As the Assembly's Secretary General, David Hobbs made it a top priority to maintain and strengthen the trans-Atlantic link through parliamentary dialogue and cooperation. He travelled to the United States with parliamentary delegations 37 times between 2003 and 2019 to ensure that European political leaders better understood strategic policy decision-making in the United States and to introduce European national legislators to their counterparts in the House of Representatives and the Senate. He often accompanied the President and Vice Presidents of the NATO PA on visits to the halls of Congress for bilateral discussions with members of Congress and their staffs. Those efforts paid off, and the Assembly is now considered the primary vehicle for Congressional outreach to allied nations and their political leaders.

As a member and now chairman of the United States delegation to the NATO PA, I have witnessed first hand David Hobbs' commitment to the trans-Atlantic bond and to NATO, his understanding of U.S. politics and policies and ability to work with members from both sides of the aisle on a bipartisan basis. As our predecessors have, the current members of the United States delegation to the NATO PA and I have come to rely on his expertise, unfailingly sound judgement, and shrewd insights.

David Hobbs is also known and appreciated for his quick wit and friendliness and has long made parliamentarians and staff feel welcome and essential to the life of the Assembly. His strong management skills and vision reinvigorated the secretariat in Brussels and helped the Assembly adjust to an increasingly perilous and complex security environment characterized by new challenges like terrorism, cyber-attacks, hybrid warfare, and an ever more revanchist Russia.

It should hardly be surprising that this vital institution dedicated to parliamentary diplomacy flourished under David Hobbs' stewardship. He leaves the NATO Parliamentary Assembly a stronger and more vibrant organization. He has dedicated himself to preserving history's greatest alliance, which requires great patience, diplomacy, hard work, and faith. Mr. Hobbs's tenure will be remembered for his grace, the active listening he deployed to ensure that everyone always felt heard, the respect he showed all delegates and staff, and the stability he brought to this vital alliance.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, S. 2363, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a Telecommunications Workforce Development Advisory Council within the Federal Communications Commission, S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula, S. 2638, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers, S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration, S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance, S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, and S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2641, to promote United States national secu-

rity and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China, S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, S. 482, to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, S.J. Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas, S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia, S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace

agreement, S. Res. 374, expressing support for the designation of October 23, 2019, as a national day of remembrance of the tragic terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world, S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis, H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, an original resolution expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, the nomination of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Department of State, and other pending calendar business.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on Albania's leadership in Europe.

RHOB-2253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan.

SVC-217

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on national security issues in the Middle East.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Security

To hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities, challenges, and threats in the Arctic, focusing on the Coast Guard Arctic Strategic Outlook.

SD-562

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 225, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 298, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 327, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 389, to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in Presidential Park in the District of Columbia, S. 430, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 641, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument, S. 774, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 1152, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal land in Arlington, Virginia, S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all

forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1890, to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities, S. 2108, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, S. 2399, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology, S. 2660, to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, S. 2666, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and H.R. 617, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2971, to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, S. 2080, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, social work schools, and other programs, including physician assistant education programs, to promote education and research in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine, S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, an original bill entitled, "Title VII Reauthorization", and the nomination of Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

SD-430

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 18

10 a.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219